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NOTES

MESSRS. D. C. HEATH & CO., who have recently purchased the complete series of Wells' Mathematics, announce that Professor Wells' new *Essentials of Solid Geometry* will be ready in March.

The Roman History of Appian of Alexandria has been translated from the Greek by Horace White, M.A., LL.D., and will be published in two volumes early in the spring by The Macmillan Company.

Don Quixote, for use in homes and schools, has been edited by Clifton Johnson, and will contain the famous illustrations by George Cruikshank. It will be published by The Macmillan Company at an early date.

IN the *American Monthly Review of Reviews* for February Dr. Philip W. Ayres makes a plea for the founding of scholarships to enable students to inform themselves on the practical phases of social problems in the great cities.

WE acknowledge the receipt of a *List of Books in the City Library Recommended for Outside Reading to the Pupils of the Springfield, Mass., High School by the Teachers, January 1899*. The *List* makes a handsome pamphlet of forty-two pages, and suggests large areas of possible and probable usefulness.

IN the February *Atlantic* Professor James begins his interesting and valuable "Talks to Teachers on Psychology," defining the relations of the subject and the necessity of approaching it from the point of view of the practical purpose for which man's mind was given him, namely, to adapt him to his terrestrial environment.

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY announce a children's number of the "Modern Reader's Bible," which is edited with introduction and brief notes by Richard G. Moulton, Professor of Literature in English at the University of Chicago. Its title will be *Bible Stories*, and it will be in two volumes—Vol. I, The Old Testament; Vol. II, The New Testament.

A History of Physics in its Elementary Branches, including the Evolution of Physical Laboratories, has just been completed by Florian Cajori, Ph.D., Professor of Physics in Colorado College and author of *A History of Mathematics*, etc. It will be published at an early date by The Macmillan Company. This brief, popular history gives in broad outline the development of the science of physics from antiquity to the present time. It contains also a more complete statement than is found elsewhere of the evolution

of physical laboratories in Europe and America. This book, while of interest to the general reader, is primarily intended for students and teachers of physics.

PROFESSOR ALLEN C. THOMAS, whose *History of the United States* is so favorably known, has written *A Primary History of the United States* which will form a natural and easy introduction to his larger history. Much of the book is given to biography and to developing centers of interest in the greater personages and events of the colonial and national periods. D. C. Heath & Co. will publish the book.

D. C. HEATH & Co., publishers, Boston, announce a new text-book in scientific German, Walther's *Meereskunde*, a very instructive and interesting text, which can also be further recommended for science reading in colleges, because of the large range of sciences—botany, geology, mineralogy, etc.—that are incidentally introduced. The book will be excellently illustrated, and is edited by S. A. Sterling, instructor in German in the University of Wisconsin.

DR. A. F. NIGHTINGALE, superintendent in charge of the high schools of Chicago, was the orator on the occasion of the commemoration of "Charter Day" of the University of Nebraska, Wednesday, February 15. Dr. Nightingale is well known in Nebraska, having been elected in 1872 to organize the system of public instruction for the city of Omaha, which position he retained until he resigned to come to Chicago to take charge of the Lake View High School.

AN article on "Constructive Work in the Common Schools, by Wilbur S. Jackman, opens the February *Educational Review*. Other educational articles in that number are: "Taxation of College Property," by Charles F. Thwing; "Practical Aspects of Psychology," by Joseph Jastrow; "The Northwestern State University and its Preparatory School," by Willard K. Clements; "The Limitations of Mathematics," by James H. Gore; and "How to Study History," by Anna Boynton Thompson.

A NEW series of *Book Reviews* was begun on January 1. The annual subscription price of the magazine will hereafter be \$1.00, or 10 cents for each number. This change has been made by The Macmillan Company in view of the increased size of the magazine and the large number of special articles by well-known writers, which has formed a prominent feature during the past year. It is intended, during the coming year, to arrange for short articles to appear each month from all the large colleges. These articles will give such details of university and collegiate welfare as will make the college news of more living interest than a mere recital of changes in faculties.